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In re Applicant:

Michael M. Walsh

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Fuel Cell System Fluid Recovery

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir-

Cancel claims 21-29 without prejudice.

REMARKS

In an Office Action dated February 20, 2002, restriction was required to either claims 1-25 of Group I or claims 26-29 of Group II. Furthermore, if the claims of Group I were elected, the Office Action requires the election of either claims 1-20 of Species 1, claim 21 of Species 2 or claims 22-25 of Species 3.

Applicant hereby elects claims 1-20 of Group I, Species 1 without traverse. In view of this election, claims 22-25 of Species 2 and 3 of Group I and claims 26-29 of Group II have been canceled.

No fee is believed to be due with this Reply. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (PUG.0045US).

Respectfuliv submitted.

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